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103rd ANNUAL MEETING  
BENT - PROWERS  
CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, February 19, 1972  
Lamar, Colorado

Lamar Community College Bowman Building

M I N U T E S



1 Meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m. by President  
2 John Smartt.

3 Secretary-Treasurer William E. Wootten read a  
4 condensed version of the minutes of the previous meeting.

5 William E. Rose moved to accept the minutes as  
6 read; second by Joe Hasser; passed.

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8 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: We will now have the Treasur-  
9 er's report.

10 TREASURER WILLIAM E. WOOTTEN: This is a report since  
11 the last meeting: Dues \$13,275.60. Donations, etc., \$94.49.  
12 Beef Judge books \$80.00. Ticket sales last year and this  
13 year that came in after the meeting, \$392.50. Total receipts of  
14 \$13,842.59. Our expenditures were: Memberships to C.C.A.,  
15 535 members for a total of \$8,555.81. Postage \$65.40, Enter-  
16 tainment at banquet \$460.00. Meals at banquet, \$909.00.  
17 Flowers \$38.00. Some other miscellaneous stuff here, like,  
18 spent \$286.00 in advertising. We paid the dues to American  
19 National of \$100.00. Used outside secretarial work of \$302.60.  
20 We also took out a membership in the Colorado Expenditures  
21 Council in the amount of \$100.00; one thing we added last year.  
22 Telephone expense that amounted to \$59.43. For a grand total  
23 of \$10,919.00 even. This leaves us a cash balance of about  
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1 \$2,923.59; but before anybody thinks we're in good shape, we  
2 have got all this banquet to pay for; so that's my report.

3 DR. JIM MCMILLIN: What's your \$13,000.00 figure?

4 TREASURER WILLIAM E. WOOTTEN: We collect dues. We  
5 got receipts up here, and there is a little discrepancy; evi-  
6 dently picked up more than what I got paid for. We paid some  
7 ahead of time. \$8,555.81 amounted to 535 memberships what we  
8 paid to CCA. In other words, we collected the dues and then  
9 we sent CCA their proportionate share.  
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11 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Any other questions on the  
12 Treasurer's Report? If not, somebody want to move to accept  
13 it?  
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15 JOE HASSER: I move the adoption.

16 WILLIAM ROSE: I second it.

17 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: It's been moved and seconded  
18 that we adopt the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

19 Bill has some letters I think he is going to read  
20 at this time.

21 WILLIAM E. WOOTTEN, Sec.-Treas.: I have a letter  
22 addressed to Ken Clark, but it's to the whole organization.  
23 (Whereupon a letter was read from Bill W. B. <sup>Farr</sup> Fowler of ANCA)  
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25 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Any other correspondence to  
read at this time?



1 WILLIAM E. WOOTEN, Treas: I don't think so.

2 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: If not, we will start our  
3 reports. Dave said he has got to get back to Denver, so now  
4 we will listen to the man who will tell us what is going on  
5 in the legislature. Dave Rice.

6 DAVID G. RICE, Jr: (condensed version of report)

7 Commended Senator Wunsch for his help.

8 Discussed the import situation and bill pending to  
9 maintain quotas like they are.

10 State land. The State Land Board has been able to  
11 handle it to make maximum amount of revenue for schools. Some  
12 Senators want to change this to the "Maximum common good for  
13 Colorado".

14 Senate Bill 27, and House Bill 1049. Workmens'  
15 compensation bill. These two bills clarify our position.  
16 Includes any business hiring four people or more for six months  
17 period.

18 Bills affecting domestic water wells. Grandfather  
19 in existing domestic wells and livestock wells. Permits to  
20 be issued by the State Engineer. He will issue them only if  
21 he is satisfied that the well would not harm any other person  
22 in that underground water system. Bill aimed at big developers.



1 Proposed bill to eliminate all poison in Colorado.  
2 Don't think it is going to far, but are watching it.

3 Transportation - Highway users fund - to change the  
4 way it is handled - funds now used for matching funds for  
5 highways.  
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7 Ad Valorem Tax -- may be bill considering adjusted  
8 gross income.

9 Two Constitutional Amendments -- both set up a 2%  
10 limit on ad valorem taxes. Trouble as written, they are to  
11 take 2% of the actual value, and actual value is not spelled  
12 out. Watching these bills at the present time.

13 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: I would like to take some  
14 time to call on Leonard Stuart and let him talk about our feed  
15 lot testing that we do in the valley along with the Extension  
16 Service in our areas I'd like for him to report at this time  
17 on that.

18 *Pruett*  
19 LEONARD STUART: Thank you, John. I will just take  
20 a few minutes to make a rather brief report in regard to our  
21 feed lot tests. We are real happy to cooperate in this endeavor  
22 with the Prowers organization here in Southeast Colorado. We  
23 were called upon better than a year ago by some of the members  
24 to get this kind of an activity initiated and we did, and we  
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1 got going a year ago, and this is our second year, as John  
2 just mentioned, for these tests. We have this year one hundred  
3 and nine steers on tests and fifty heifers, and they are being  
4 fed at Colorado Beef Producers, west of Lamar this year. Last  
5 year we had them up Terry Turner's lots. We thought we would  
6 move them around; maybe different lots every year. This year  
7 we have eighteen different ranchers in the tests, with anywhere  
8 from five to twenty head of cattle; this is some growth over  
9 what we had last year when we had fourteen ranchers. We  
10 hoped that this type of thing would grow and expand. This is  
11 really what I wanted to emphasize a little bit here today, is  
12 the fact that some type of record keeping and some type of  
13 feed lot data is real important on your cattle, because I  
14 think sometime in the future we are going to see a situation  
15 where we will be selling cattle more and more on a grain yield  
16 basis. Of course, buyers are going to want to see some kind  
17 of record of performance on your cattle before he is going to  
18 want to buy them; this kind of thing, I think, is coming, and  
19 this is the type of thing that I think you will be one step  
20 ahead if you do initiate some type of testing program. Whether  
21 you participate in feed lot testing program here or one up  
22 north, or just record keeping system of your own, on your own  
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1 operation on the home place, any of these type of things, we'd  
2 be more than happy to work with you and set up this type of  
3 a testing program, whether it be just weighing your calves  
4 over a period of time, as yearlings, or any time during the  
5 production cycle; but at the same time we think we do need  
6 to look ahead and think about where we are going down the road,  
7 and what type of marketing situations we are going to find  
8 ourselves in, and perhaps be geared for them when that time  
9 should come. Thank you, John.  
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11 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: I think all of us are well  
12 pleased with the way the tests are run. I am sure more ran-  
13 chers are going to be interested in this program as we go along.  
14 I think a lot of times people weren't thinking too much about  
15 it, and as it went on a few more people come out. I know that's  
16 the way CCA and the Beef Board tests at CSU started out, small,  
17 and pretty soon it developed. I hope more of our members will  
18 take advantage of it.  
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20 Next on the agenda, we will have a few words from  
21 Ralph Yoder, President of CCA who will talk about some of their  
22 activities.  
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24 RALPH YODER, PRESIDENT CCA: Thank you, John. As I  
25 stated here a time or two today, I spend a lot of time away from



1 home. I am telling you one thing, I am getting the best edu-  
2 cation I ever got in my life. It is quite a challenge, and I  
3 sure do appreciate the opportunity of being your President.

4 One thing I would like to point out, and this goes  
5 back to the membership a little bit: I just wish that everyone  
6 here would follow Dave around for a week and see what this man  
7 does for us. I don't believe there is any man that we could  
8 hire that would do the job that he does. He is on the go from  
9 early in the morning until late at night. You know, in our  
10 association we just have six paid employees now, and the rest  
11 of our board members all donate their time, and pay their own  
12 expenses, and they are working for you to try to do you a good  
13 job.  
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15 The week before last we got word that the tax admin-  
16 istrators are going to send two men out to each County to go  
17 over the records of the production activities of the land and  
18 grazing of the land, and this worried us quite a little bit,  
19 because we have had trouble with that commission before, and  
20 so we got on the phone and we called a member from each County  
21 on this, and in these two weeks they have been holding meetings  
22 trying to get a man to meet with this two man committee from the  
23 State, and the assessors. The way it was set up, that a man  
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1 could be appointed from the County in which he lived, and one  
2 from Farm Bureau, one from the wool growers, where they raise  
3 sheep. So, we got a little nervous about this, and we called a  
4 special meeting and called all the residents in, and there was  
5 23 assessors and appraisers there at that meeting, and also the  
6 tax man, Ray Harper. We thought that was a very productive  
7 meeting as far as we were concerned. It was stated at that  
8 meeting that the Counties had to go along with the agricultural  
9 formula for the assessment of all agricultural land. However,  
10 in my County, where they were this week -- and it doesn't always  
11 work too good for you, because you got some people in the County  
12 who just can't seem to go out and contact different people on it  
13 to see how many cattle they pasture each year; and a lot of  
14 times these people know just that they say, and they will kind  
15 of brag a little bit, and we get a lot of adverse publicity that  
16 way, and it's hard to live something like that down, with the  
17 assessor and the man from the State. So, I urge all of you to  
18 try to get a man that will tell an honest picture of how many  
19 animals your land will carry.

22 I might mention a little bit about the magazine.  
23 We have a new editor now, and he is doing real well. We have  
24 finally got the magazine to where it is a kind of paying its own  
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1 way. I don't know how many of you people have met him. I'd  
2 like for Bob Chrysler to stand up, and this is our new editor;  
3 we are pretty proud of him; we think he is doing us a real job.

4 (applause)

5 I don't know if Larry is here or not, I don't see him,  
6 but, anyway, Larry also is a good man to help Dave, and he is  
7 doing a real job for us also. We think we are pretty well  
8 staffed; looks like we might have to hire another secretary.  
9 But there's quite a bit of confusion right now; they're knocking  
10 the house down. By that I mean, they started tearing all the  
11 stock yard buildings down, and we have to be out of there by  
12 March the 7th, and in the process of remodeling and moving to  
13 the Stockyard Exchange Building, which will be just a little  
14 ways east or west of where we are at the present time, so if  
15 any of you come to Denver look for the CCA office, it is not go-  
16 ing to be there where it has been.

19 I might say a little something on this predator  
20 animals. We are urging all of you people that do have loss to  
21 predators, documented losses, let us know about them. We want  
22 to keep a file on the losses that are incurred by predators, and  
23 we think that might help us in the future, to stop some of this  
24 positive thinking that we hear. Last night at the Bent-Prowers  
25 meeting they also wanted a law that anybody that reported losses



1 of cattle that it go through to the Association so we can keep  
2 a file on the cattle losses through theft.

3 With that, John, I think that's all I have to say,  
4 and I sure appreciate being here.

5 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Thank you Ralph. I am sure  
6 a lot of people don't realize how much time these boys put in  
7 to our cause. They are gone from home most of the time, and a  
8 wife or boy or girl, someone at home, tries to keep the busin-  
9 ess going because they are not there too much. The year they  
10 are President, some of them need finances for that. It sure  
11 takes a lot of their time to get this work done. I'd like to  
12 have some more of you become active in our association. Some  
13 of the people I was going to introduce aren't here; they are  
14 at other meetings.

16 WILLIAM E. WOOTTEN, Sec.-Treas.: I have one thing,  
17 John. I happened to look through last year's minutes and I  
18 came up with one resolution last year that was brought up that  
19 no action was taken on it, and we decided to table it at that  
20 time, and I thought maybe we ought to bring it up now, to see  
21 if you want to table it again or pass it or what. Anyway, I  
22 will go ahead and read it. This is quoted from the minutes.  
23 "Jim McMillin stated, "Here is a last minute Resolution that  
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1 was just handed to me: Whereas, there has been some form of  
2 harrassment going on among some members at certain conventions,  
3 and

4               Whereas, this causes some inconvenience, and is not  
5 conducive to the best of relations among the members,  
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7               Therefore, be it resolved that the members of Bent-  
8 Prowers Cattle and Hors Growers Association, will refrain from  
9 short-sheeting members beds while they are at convention."

10               (laughter)

11               PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Anyone want to take that  
12 resolution off the table? We have two or three people from the  
13 Extension Service here. We have George <sup>Ellicott</sup> ~~Alcott~~ our beef special-  
14 ist from Eads; gentleman from Las Animas, Youth Agent for Bent  
15 and Prowers County, I think is the proper title.  
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17               Is there any other old business to come before the  
18 meeting at this time?

19               DR. JIM MCMILLIN: I have been asked to make one  
20 announcement. I attended the meeting with the tax commission,  
21 and as you all probably know they worked over the last three  
22 years, and primarily the gentleman sitting right down here  
23 today has done most of this work. Our association cooperated in  
24 getting their land assessed on the basis of productivity. Now,  
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1 the assessors are being required to go to the formula that was  
2 agreed upon, and this is the purpose that the tax commission  
3 men are going and coming around to see if they are going on  
4 the formula and it is accurate. Now, there is some factors in  
5 the formula which are variable; \$4.00 an animal per month is  
6 a constant factor; 9% capitalization is a constant factor; and  
7 7¢ per acre allowance for water and fence is a constant factor.  
8 On grazing land the one factor we have to determine, and  
9 determine accurately is carrying capacity. Now, I am going to  
10 be a member of the committee. Each of the Counties in our  
11 Association will have a member from the C.C.A. We will also  
12 probably have a member from the Farm Bureau, and we're supposed  
13 to help our assessors in determining carrying capacity and  
14 also yield where we go to the agricultural land use for farming.  
15 Now, the assessors have asked that all of the members of the  
16 association and all the people cooperate to the best of their  
17 ability to accurately determine what this carrying capacity is,  
18 or yield. And remember one thing, an animal unit is a one  
19 thousand pound animal, so if you had five two hundred pound  
20 steers, you had on ten acres, that's only one animal unit, and  
21 this will be explained when he comes around. But the point is,  
22 Chuck Bradley is the Chairman who is on our Board of Control,  
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1 and he has stressed that we be accurate and we be honest. If  
2 we try to hedge in our own favor, we will lose this assessment  
3 on productivity, and we will go back to the old value and that  
4 is going to play hobbs with your taxes; be as honest and accur-  
5 ate as you can when we come around. We are not trying to pry  
6 into your business; it is all of our business, and we are try-  
7 ing to do it so it will help the assessors and get this thing  
8 on a productivity basis.  
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10 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Any other old business?

11 Any new business before we get into some more reports?

12 Do you suppose we could get into some resolutions  
13 while we are waiting on it?

14 KENNETH CLARK: I am ready whenever you are, John.

15 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Ken Clark is Chairman of  
16 the Resolutions Committee, members Tommy Rose and Bob Morrison.  
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18 (Whereupon the following resolutions were passed by  
19 the Association)

20 RESOLUTION NO. 1

21 Whereas the coyotes have been on the increase, it  
22 is the long-range custom, and a must, to kill 80 per-cent  
23 each year to keep coyotes under control,  
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25 Therefore, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers



1 Cattle and Horse Growers Association feels the ban on poisons  
2 for control of predatory mammals should be lifted,

3 Therefore, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers  
4 Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges its members to allow  
5 no hunting on lands they have under control, except on water.

6 Therefore, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers  
7 Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to  
8 thank the Department of Agriculture under Clinton Jeffers and  
9 the Department of Agriculture Commission for taking over the  
10 control of predatory animals, and,

11 Therefore, inasmuch as the control of predatory  
12 animals has been assigned to the Department of Agriculture, we  
13 urge the legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to cover  
14 the expense of same.

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16 II. WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has enforced its  
17 laws and used its finances to a limit in inspection of cattle  
18 being moved into or out of this state,

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20 THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers  
21 Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends that other  
22 states also enact laws requiring ownership identification  
23 inspection by a peace officer before the cattle can be moved  
24 from one state to another in the United States.

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1 LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that all beef-type calves  
2 within the state of Colorado be branded or inspected on their  
3 mothers, eliminating dairies. *Having cattle should be eliminated*

4 RESOLUTION NO. 3

5 III. WHEREAS, the Federal Government and economic  
6 agencies have taken stringent means to control inflation, and  
7 to encourage businesses to keep costs down and increase effi-  
8 ciency, the proposed rate raise of the Mountain Bell Company  
9 seems inconsistent with these objectives,  
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11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers  
12 Cattle and Horse Growers Association wishes to go on record as  
13 opposing any increase in rates to Mountain Bell.  
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15 RESOLUTION NO. 4

16 IV. WHEREAS, the consumer spendable income has  
17 increased twice as rapidly as consumer food expenditures for  
18 the last ten years, the disposable income spent on food has  
19 decreased 3.4 per cent, and

20 WHEREAS, in 1951, one hour's labor could buy 1.7  
21 pounds of beef, today one hour's work buys 3.3 pounds of higher  
22 quality beef,

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the cattlemen urge the  
24 consumers to buy beef rather than spend their wages on higher  
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1 inflationary products.

2           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers  
3 Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge their congressmen to  
4 help curb inflation.

5                           RESOLUTION NO. 5  
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7           V. WHEREAS, the property owners are heavily burdened  
8 with high taxes of the present welfare society,

9           WHEREAS, property taxes are inequitable, regressive  
10 to the property taxpayer in general, and a very dangerous threat  
11 to the cattle industry,

12           WHEREAS, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers  
13 Association requests the reduction in our personal property  
14 tax from 30 per cent to 10 per cent as inventory tax,

15           THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the taxes be kept on  
16 a productivity basis, therefore alleviating the heavily-burdened  
17 property owners with an income or sales tax.

18                           RESOLUTION NO. 6  
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20           VI. WHEREAS, many truckers in Southeast Colorado  
21 have their lifetime work invested in livestock hauling equip-  
22 ment and have just been informed recently that their equipment  
23 is illegal,

24           THEREFORE, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers  
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1 Association stands behind the livestock haulers, to enforce the  
2 Grandad Law, No. \_\_\_\_\_ that was made in Colorado before the  
3 National Federal Law as made,

4 WHEREAS, it will bankrupt many livestock haulers and  
5 will be to great harm to the cattle industry, if they are en-  
6 forced to haul under the National Federal Law,

7 THEREFORE, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers  
8 Association encourages our State Representatives, Senators and  
9 Colorado Governor John A Love to acknowledge the Grandad Law  
10 No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
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12 RESOLUTION NO. 7

13 VII. WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of  
14 members of our organization, the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse  
15 Growers Association, that legislation is to be presented in  
16 the current session of the General Assembly of the State of  
17 Colorado, which has as its objective the uniting of Otero  
18 Community College and the Lamar Community College under one  
19 administration, and  
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21 WHEREAS, we who live in the areas served by these  
22 two institutions, and, therefore, have a thorough understanding  
23 of the services being rendered by both schools, and particularly  
24 in the fields of agriculture and vocational training, believe  
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1 that the educational needs of Southeast Colorado need and  
2 deserve the services as now being rendered, and

3 WHEREAS, it is not at all clear where and how any  
4 effective economic gain will be afforded by such a union, and

5 WHEREAS, in fact it is believed to be even more  
6 probably that another level of administration would have to be  
7 created to operate the schools separated by sixty miles, there-  
8 fore costing the taxpayers more money,

9 WE THEREFORE, wish to go on record and voice our  
10 opposition to the proposed unification program, and herewith  
11 request our representation in the legislature, as well as other  
12 members of the assembly, to resist and defeat any such program.

13 RESOLUTION NO. 8

14 VIII. The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers  
15 Association expresses its deep appreciation to the administration  
16 and staff of the Lamar Community College for the use of facili-  
17 ties for the meeting. We also appreciate the hospitality of  
18 the City of Lamar and the interest of the commercial exhibitors  
19 in setting up their booths.

20 RESOLUTION NO. 9

21 IX. We cite the services of President Ralph Yoder,  
22 Executive Vice-President Dave Rice, and the directors and Board



1 of Control of the CCA, the officers and staff of the American  
2 National Cattlemen's Association, and our own retiring officers  
3 and Board members, specifically President John Smartt, as  
4 having a favorable effect on our industry the past year.

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6 RESOLUTION NO. 10

7 We wish to note with regret the passing of several  
8 dedicated members and express our sympathy to their families:  
9 Henry Knudtson, Norman Schnauffer, Gayle Edgar, Arthur Hightower,  
10 Dr. Floyd E. Mendenhall, Chauncey E. Chance.

11 KENNETH CLARK: I move the adoption of these resolu-  
12 tions.

13 LEWIS MATHEWS: I second it.

14 (discussion followed in which Jack Hall, County  
15 Assessor pointed out that inventory on business property this  
16 year is ten percent and will be five percent next year), or  
17 seven percent); (coyotes were discussed);

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19 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Those in favor of all ten  
20 resolutions hold up your hands? Those opposed? The resolutions  
21 have passed.

22 (next was a report that the diagnostic center at  
23 Rocky Ford was doing well thanks to the help of the cattlemen  
24 and the veterinarians in the area)  
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1           PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Next, I am going to call for  
2 a report from the Southeast Colorado Cowbells. President  
3 Margaret McEndree will make the report.

4           *Barbara*  
5           MARGARET MCENDREE, Pres. Southeast Colorado Cowbells:  
6 Our Cowbelle organization has 95 members this year, and we  
7 signed up ten new members today, for which I am very delighted.  
8 Their dues will be paid up now until the 1st of May in 1973,  
9 those we took in today. We meet once a month, the first Monday  
10 of each month, and locate our meetings throughout the various  
11 Counties in the group, except for July and August, we don't  
12 meet those two months. We average 35 to 40 members at these  
13 meetings. Some of our projects, we gave \$100.00 of beef to  
14 Boy's Ranch for Christmas, something we do annually. Beef  
15 promotion is our main project, and, of course, we stress that  
16 on Father's Day, with some kind of special recognition in each  
17 County on Father's Day. We are starting a new project, as you  
18 all may have seen awhile ago. We are going to start a local  
19 napkin with the brands on it like the State Cowbells have  
20 put out for years, and several other locals in the State do  
21 this. We are going to stick to the brands in use in our  
22 southeastern area. Any of you that are interested in getting  
23 your brand put on this napkin, it's going to cost you \$10.00  
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1 for each brand that's put on it, and, of course, we would like  
2 all of it we can get today. We are closing our drive on the  
3 brands March the 1st, so we can try to get the ball rolling so  
4 we can get them printed, because they say it will take us  
5 three months to get them distributed after we close our drive.  
6 We hope to get our napkins put into the local cafes. We know  
7 we will get a lot of publicity out of this, and help get our  
8 brands recognized throughout the area, so that we can possibly  
9 help control the grass land, things like that. And as I say,  
10 I would like any of these that we can get today.

12 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Thank you very much. We  
13 certainly appreciate what the Cowbelles are doing.

14 (An invitation was issued to hold the 1973 meeting  
15 in Las Animas from the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce, by  
16 Dale Chesterson) (Bill Davidson from La Junta Chamber of  
17 Commerce endorsed the 1973 invitation to Las Animas, and issued  
18 an invitation to La Junta for 1974 to the Bent-Prowers Assoc-  
19 iation and also to have CCA hold their convention in La Junta  
20 in 1974. Four members from La Junta endorsed this proposal)

22 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: We will have the report of  
23 the nominating committee.

24 BOB MUNDELL: On behalf of Eddie Dunlap, Clyde  
25 McEndree and myself, we would like to present the following

THOMAS H. CAVANAGH  
CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER  
LAMAR, COLORADO



1 nominations: President, Lewis Mathews; First Vice President,  
2 Joe Hasser; Second Vice President, Dr. Jim McMillin; and  
3 Secretary, William F. Dawson. Following is a list for Directors:  
4 A. P. Brown, Ed Dean, Dan Sniff, D. J. Schleining, William E.  
5 Rose, Eddie Dunlan, Harvey Larrew, Clyde McEndree, Bud Dodge,  
6 Pat Cline, Jerry Keffeler, Harold D. Wallace, H. H. Mendenhall,  
7 J. D. Bloodworth, John Given, Kenneth Clark, Bill Wootten, and  
8 John Smartt. I hope you adopt these nominations.  
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10 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Are there any other nomina-  
11 tions? If not, do I hear a motion to accept the report of the  
12 nominating committee?  
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14 JOE HASSER: I think that's Narvey Larrew instead of  
15 Harvey.  
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17 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: Who moves we accept the  
18 report?  
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20 JOE OSWALD: I move we accept it.  
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22 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: All in favor say aye?  
23 Opposed, same sign? It appears we have a new set of officers.  
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25 Any other new business?

KENNETH CLARK: It has just been brought to my  
attention, that the members are wondering if the association  
is going to have signs made up to post their land. Do you



1 want to leave it up to the Board to decide or to discuss it  
2 now. Some of the members feel if we are going to post no  
3 hunting signs, we should have some little signs with Bent-  
4 Prowers Cattle and Hors Growers Association on them.

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6 WILLIAM E. ROSE: I move we leave it to the discre-  
7 tion of the Board.

8 JOE OSWALD: I second the motion.

9 PRESIDENT JOHN SMARTT: It's been moved to leave  
10 it to the discretion of the Board. Any discussion before we  
11 vote? If not, we will proceed to vote on the motion to leave  
12 it to the discretion of the Board. All in favor say aye.  
13 All opposed, same sign. Motion carried.

14 Any other new business to come up at this time?  
15 If not, I want to thank all the directors and officers that  
16 worked with me this year, and sometimes it seems like we  
17 didn't get much done, and I am sure we will get a lot more  
18 accomplished next year; but we did get a lot of new members;  
19 if we could just keep them coming. I want everybody to go  
20 home and find somebody and pick up some new members, as that's  
21 the only way the organization will survive; keep your membership  
22 up, work real hard on that.

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24 I would like to thank Bill Wootten, Secretary, for  
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1 all the work he has done this year; and my Vice President did  
2 more work than our Vice President is usually called upon for.

3 If nobody has any further business we will adjourn  
4 this meeting until 5 o'clock at the Stagecoach.

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BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTIONS PASSED Feb. 19, 1972

- L. WHEREAS, the coyotes have been on the increase, it is the long-range custom, and a must, to kill 80% each year to keep coyotes under control. THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association feels the ban on poisons for control of predatory mammals should be lifted,  
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urges its members to allow no hunting on lands they have under control, except on water.  
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to thank the Department of Agriculture under Clinton Jeffers and the Department of Agriculture Commission for taking over the control of predatory animals, and,  
THEREFORE, inasmuch as the control of predatory animals has been assigned to the Department of Agriculture, we urge the legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to cover the expense of same.
11. WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has enforced its laws and used its finances to a limit in inspection of cattle being moved into or out of this state,  
THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommends that other states also enact laws requiring ownership identification inspection by a peace officer before the cattle can be moved from one state to another in the United States.  
LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED, that all beef-type calves within the state of Colorado be branded or inspected on their mothers, eliminating dairies.
111. WHEREAS, the Federal Government and economic agencies have taken stringent means to control inflation, and to encourage businesses to keep costs down and increase efficiency, the proposed rate raise of the Mountain Bell Company seems inconsistent with these objectries.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association wishes to go on record as opposing any increase in rates to Mountain Bell.
- 1V. WHEREAS, the consumer spendable income has increased twice as rapidly as consumer food expenditures for the last ten years, the disposable income was up 71% while the percent of disposable income spent on food has decreased 3.4%, and,  
WHEREAS, in 1951, one hour's labor could buy 1.7 pounds of beef, today one hours work buys 3.3 pounds of higher quality beef.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the cattlemen urge the consumers to buy beef rather than spend their wages on higher inflationary products.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge their congressmen to help curb inflation.
- V. WHEREAS, the property owners are heavily burdened with high taxes of the present welfare society,  
WHEREAS, property taxes are inequitable, regressive to the property taxpayer in general, and a very dangerous threat to the eatlle industry.  
WHEREAS, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association requests the reduction in our personal property tax from 30% to 10% as inventory tax.  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the taxes be kept on a productivity basis, therefore alleviating the heavily-burdened property owners with an income or sales tax.



- VI. WHEREAS, many truckers in Southeast Colorado have their lifetime work invested in livestock hauling equipment and have just been informed recently that their equipment is illegal,  
THEREFORE, Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association stands behind the livestock haulers, to enforce the Grandad Law #\_\_\_\_\_, that was made in Colorado before the National Federal Law was made,  
WHEREAS, it will bankrupt many livestock haulers and will be to great harm to the cattle industry, if they are enforced to haul under the National Federal Law.  
THEREFORE, Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association encourages our State Representatives, Senators and Colorado Governor John A. Love to acknowledge the Grandad Law #\_\_\_\_\_.
- VII. WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of members of our organization, the Bent-Powers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, that legislation is to be presented in the current session of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, which has as its objective the uniting of Otero Community College and the Lamar Community College under one administration, and  
WHEREAS, we who live in the areas served by these two institutions and, therefore, have a thorough understanding of the services being rendered by both schools, and particularly in the fields of agriculture and vocational training, believe that the educational needs of Southeast Colorado heed and deserve the services as now being rendered, and  
WHEREAS, it is not at all clear where and how any effective economic gains will be afforded by such a union, and  
WHEREAS, in fact it is believed to be even more probable that another leve of administration would have to be created to operate the schools separated by sixty miles, therefore costing the taxpayers more money,  
WE THEREFORE wish to go on record and voice opposition to the proposed unification program, and herewith request our representation in the legislature, as well as other members of the Assembly, to resist and defeat any such programs.
- VIII. THE BENT-POWERS Cattle and Horse Growers Association expresses its deep appreciation to the administration and staff of the Lamar Community College for the use of facilities for the meeting. We also appreciate the hospitality of the city of Lamar and the interest of the commercial exhibitors in setting up their booths.
- IX. WE CITE the services of President Ralph Yoder, exuctive Vice-President Dave Rice, and the directors and Board of Control of the CCA, the officers and staff of the American National Cattlemen's Association, and our own retiring officers and Board members, specifically President John Smartt, as having a favorable effect on out industry the past year.
- X. WE WISH TO NOTE with regret the passing of several dedicated members and express our sympathy to their families: Henry Knudtson, Norman Schnauffer, Gayle Edgar, Chance Hightower, Dr. Floyd F. Mendenhall, and others.



LIFETIME MEMBERS HONORED AT THE 103rd ANNUAL MEETING Feb. 19, 1972

Baca County

VICTOR H. HORNER

Pritchett, Colo.

Vic was born in Missouri in 1895. He served in the Army during the first World War and was also in the army of occupation in Germany. He was married to his wife Hazel in 1923 and they have always worked as a team. He came to Baca County in 1930 and located west of Pritchett which is still his home. They raised two sons and have always taken an active interest in community affairs. They attend church in Pritchett. They have been active members of both Bent-Prowers and CCA for a number of years. Mrs. Horner also has been active in the Colorado Cowbells and Southeast Colorado Cowbells.

He may not have handled as many cattle as some of us, but the quality of his cattle has always been better than most of us. Vic has served as a director in the Grange, Farm Bureau, Springfield Co-op Credit Union, School Board and done anything to help his community along.

We of Baca County are proud to present Mr. and Mrs. Vic Horner to this association as lifetime members.



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Bent County

ANDY SHANNON

Las Animas, Colo.

Born in Old McGee (Indian Territory) Oklahoma in 1897, he moved at an early age with his parents to Wheeler, Texas. His first job, he remembers, was wrangling horses for Sam Holt when he was 10 years old. For the next several years he worked as a rough string rider for some of the big ranches, including the XIT at Nara Visa, New Mexico, the Bravado Division, for John Gerry at Dumas and other ranches in west Texas and eastern New Mexico.

In 1916 he came to Colorado with family, the W.C. Shannons. They trailed their cattle from Wheeler, Texas to a homestead roughly 50 miles south of Las Animas. He enlisted in the Army at Trinidad and when he returned home, he again worked on ranches in the south country. He was working on the Carl Wills ranch in Baca County when he met Anna Wills, his present wife. They have five children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. On May 10, 1972 they will have been married 50 years.

He spent a few years on the rodeo circuit--bronc riding and roping in the shows during the summer months and breaking horses for ranchers in western Kansas and Oklahoma during the winter. After returning to Colorado, he ran horses and broke horses for Bingham Dean. He worked for Dick Klett many years and at some time or other has been a hand in the branding and working of cattle on many of the ranches in this part of the country. After his "retirement" he still worked at the sale rings and helped his friends and relatives with their cattle work. He was a charter member of the Sheriff's Posse and at present is an honorary member.

Besides being a wrangler, a cowboy, roper, bronc buster, rodeo performer and horse breaker, he worked at Caddoa Dam, was on the Las Animas police force, worked as a maintenance man for Bent County and participated in many county fairs and parades.



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Kiowa County

JAMES E. (SHORTY) CHRONISTER

Eads, Colo.

Shorty wasn't born in the United States, but was born in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. He came to Eads, Colorado with his parents in an immigrant car in 1906. He is one of the few homesteaders who still live on his homestead.

Shorty served in the World War I Infantry and marched from west to east across England. He returned to his homestead to farm and ranch and was among the first in this area to full-feed steers. Like all ranchers that had any "drive", he has enjoyed the "ups" and suffered "downs".

He was married to Margaret Boquer and they raised three daughters: Earline, Geraldine, and Imogene. He was divorced from his first wife and in 1964 married Sylvia Sitzler.

He was the first to introduce Brahma cattle to this area and he produced many area rodeos. He has always loved good horses. For several years Shorty owned one of the finest quarter horse studs in southeast Colorado.



Otero County

R. P. LEWIS

LaJunta, Colo.

Roy Pearce Lewis was born in Fairmont, Missouri on June 15, 1891 to W.H. and Emma Lewis who operated a livery stable in that small Missouri town. He attended school at Wyconda, Mo. and was graduated from the eighth grade in 1907 at the age of 16. After graduation he set out for California, but unfortunately, LaJunta was the end of the line on the freight train he was riding, so he decided to settle there.

Having worked for his father, he was an experienced driver and before the day was over he found a job at Loveland, Colo. punching cows on a big outfit. One year later he returned to La Junta where he continued to drive a team and also homesteaded near Timpas. In 1915 he went to work for the Santa Fe railroad as a brakeman between La Junta and Denver. At the start of World War I he enlisted in the Navy and finally, nearly 10 years after leaving home, reached California where he helped win the war out on Goat Island in San Francisco Bay.

After the war, it was back to La Junta where he started an auction sale, the first in the state of Colorado. On May 26, 1921 he married Margaret Ruterbaugh, a young secretary from Indiana. The R.P. Lewis Auction Co. established in 1923 in the old Rose Livery Barn, where Williams Chevrolet is now located. When the barn was torn down to make room for a blacksmith shop, he moved his-own-sale-barn-at-608-3rd-St.

on to Front Street to the old King Livery Barn, and in 1930 he built his own sale barn at 808 3rd St on the edge of town. By 1950 La Junta had completely surrounded the 3rd street location leaving no room for expansion, so he moved the building to its present location on Highway 50 west of town.

In addition to building his auction into the largest horse and hog auction in the state, he also became a successful rancher, starting in 1922 in McMinn Canyon southeast of La Junta where his current holdings are over 7000 acres. R.P. retired from active auctioneering in 1958 and turned the job over to his son Roger, whom he had trained as an auctioneer. Roger is married to the former Peggy Head and they have five children. The Lewises also have a daughter, Marjorie, who is married to Al Sortore, a school teacher in Denver and they have two sons.

R.P. is a member of the Elks and is a Past Exalted Ruler and a past D.D. G. R. He also served as secretary for 13 years. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine, American Legion, and is a past president of the La Junta Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for over 50 years and belongs to the Methodist Church. He served two terms as county commissioner and during his first term which started in 1928, worked untiringly for the opening of highway 10 between La Junta and Walsenburg.



He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the 4-H program and has been honored by the 4-H clubs in Otero county for his work. While he doesn't ride horses any more, he still enjoys watching a good horse work.

While R. P. Lewis and Son Auction Co. is not the largest auction in the state, he is proud of the fact that it was the first and that it was the pioneer auction firm in La Junta which has become the largest horse, hog, and cattle market in the state of Colorado.



LIFETIME MEMBERS HONORED AT THE 103rd ANNUAL MEETING Feb. 17, 1972

Prowers County

W. M. "BILL" WALKER

Lamar, Colo.

William Walker, born October 1896 near El Reno, Oklahoma, came to Lamar, Colorado with his parents at an early age and attended Lamar Public Schools. He began working on ranches as a cowboy when quite young. He worked on the Oscar Bogusch ranch northeast of Lamar for about seven years. While there he bought cattle along as he could.

He saw service in World War I and 1919 he went to Carl Wills' ranch in the Big Cedar Hills about 75 miles southwest of Lamar in Baca and Las Animas counties. He filed on a homestead near the Wills ranch in 1919. As the years passed, he bought many acres of land and added to the original homestead and established a ranch of some size. He married Ruth Margaret Wills in Lamar, Colorado on February 16, 1920. We are helping to celebrate their fifty second anniversary. They have three children: Wilma Ruth, who married Robert L. Bidwell who is now a retired Lt. Col. from the armed forces. Wilma has a Ph.D. degree and is a professor at the University of New York at Albany. They have two sons, Major Robert L. Bidwell, Jr. and William C. Bidwell who is on the Lamar Police Force. Rex L. Walker who married Jimmie Jones of Lamar. Rex has a J.D. degree from the University of Denver Law School. They have two sons, Rex Jr. and William. Veta Lois who married Lloyd Moore of Lamar who was killed in Germany in World War II. They had one son, Lloyd Jr. who is now a surgeon. Second marriage for Veta was to Allen Mercer and they have two daughters, Carla and Lyn. Veta is a principal of an elementary school in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In 1927, Mr. Walker moved the family to Springfield so the children would be near a school. He spent most of his time at the ranch and the family was there as much as possible.

In 1935 Bill bought an interest in the Gettle Brothers sale ring at Lamar and in 1936 they organized the Lamar Livestock Commission Company. Later, Bill bought Mr. Gettle's interest in the company and operated it himself for some years before he sold it so as to be able to give his full time to his ranch operations.

In the mean time, he sold his ranch in the Big Cedar Hills and bought the ranch he now operates southeast of Lamar. His main interest has always been the building of a bigger and better cattle industry in the area. His personal interest is, and has been, the enlargement and improvement of his own herd of Hereford cows, and raising better cattle for the consumer market.

His pet hobby has always been good horses. He has bred and raised horses for ranch use, for the Army, for polo horses, quarter horses, Palamino horses, and thoroughbred horses.



He has won trophies with both Palamino and Thoroughbred horses as well as many races.

He is a member of the American Legion, A.F.&A.M. Consistory, B.P.O.E., Order of the Eastern Star, and the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association. He resides at 702 South 4th Street in Lamar, Colorado.